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FROM: James R. Gilchrist, CPRP
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SUBJECT: Recreation Advisory Committee Swan Cove Concept

The Recreation Advisory Committee has been discussing plans for Swan Cove over the past several months. We are confident we have developed a concept for the park that will enhance downtown Mahopac and serve as a focal point for the community. We feel it is important to keep everyone involved apprised of the committee's thoughts on design, park features and development as the project progresses. Our concept includes a green space that provides opportunities for the community to enjoy passive activities along the shore of beautiful Lake Mahopac. Attached is a brief list of ideas that encompass the committee's vision for the park.

The Recreation Advisory Committee encourages your input and feedback. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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Attachments

CONCEPT FOR THE PARK AT SWAN COVE

- The Park will be a large open green space with walkways; Town focal point / Village Center
- A Cultural Park to include elements of art:
 - sculptures / artwork – to feature a different local artist each month or season
 - a portable amphitheater for concerts / performances
 - weekend Farmers Markets
- Plan to re-name the park – for example: “Mahopac Green” – open to suggestions on name
- Propose to eliminate (9) parking spaces to create a larger park area to stage events on
- Picnic tables and/ or Adirondack chairs along the lake (with donation plaques)
- Foot bridge to connect with Chamber Park
- Make it a “Green” park – use solar / LED lights
- Winter Festival – plan to include the capability to install a portable ice skating rink
- Building structure to be used for:
 - restrooms
 - storage (kayaks, equipment, supplies) /office space
 - the structure should not block the view of the lake
- Boardwalk with a rail – which will restrict access to the park from the lake
 - fishing from the boardwalk will be allowed in a designated area
 - at some point in the future, plan for the boardwalk to extend along the lake to the library
- A fenced Kayak launch in the creek area; for residents only– will require a permit / access card
- No access for boats
- No lake access for swimming

Michael Zimmer, Mahopac Point resident representative, attends the Recreation Advisory Committee meetings when Swan Cove appears on the agenda. He expressed the following on behalf of the Mahopac Point residents:

- Residents would like to have organized Kayaking Clubs / Sailing Clubs
- They DO NOT want
 - any new docks
 - motor boat access
 - boat ramps
 - swimming
 - open / public access to the lake

